

Building Community through Arts and Culture Q&A

Q: One of our properties – a public housing redevelopment - is MassHousing (MH) financed for Phase 3, but other phases of the development are either MH affiliate or are not MH at all. Given this, would this development still be able to apply? The project would need to be open to any resident, not just those living in Phase 3.

A: For the purpose of this NOFA, “**properties that have received MassHousing financing**” may include housing developments with multiple phases where MassHousing is financing at least one of the phases, as long as the space is accessible to residents of the phase financed by MassHousing.

- **Examples of allowable initiatives** include, but are not limited to: Public art installation in a green space or community room accessible to residents of all buildings/phases; a mural on a section of a the building financed by MassHousing; lighting or way finding, and public benches that serve all residents; an outdoor meditation space that primarily serves the residents of a phase/building financed by MH.
- **Examples of initiatives that are not allowable** include but are not limited to: interior mural in a building/phase not financed by MH, Exterior art installation in the entry of a building/phase not financed by MH, a meditation space located in a courtyard primarily serving other phases/building.
- Sites with multiple phases, where MH financing is not the majority, are encouraged to seek additional funding sources.
- For any Public Housing property, all applicants must contact the Housing Authority to inquire about all rules, qualifications, and permits that may be necessary. This document may be helpful for sites in Boston:
https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2024/10/PublicArtPolicy_MOAC_BAC_0424_PUB.pdf